

# NC-4 WAS EXPECTED TO REACH EUROPE BEFORE NIGHTFALL, HAVING MADE EXCELLENT TIME

Start from the Azores Was Made at 10:18 This Morning, Under Conditions That Were Reported to Be Nearly Perfect for the Flight; But Few Clouds, and Slight Northwest Wind Was Favorable.

## TROUBLE WITH ONE ENGINE DELAYED THE GET-AWAY

Crew of the NC-4 Received a Big Ovation as They Sailed Out of the Harbor of Ponta Delgada—Shrieks of Whistles Sounded Until After the Plane Got Out of Sight.

Ponta Delgada, May 27.—The NC-4 passed station "Nine," approximately 450 miles from Ponta Delgada, at 4:18 p. m. Greenwich time (12:18 p. m. New York time).

Washington, D. C., May 27.—The seaplane made the 450-mile flight to station ship 9 in approximately six hours.

Ponta Delgada, May 27 (By the Associated Press).—With Commander A. C. Read confident that he would reach the coast of Portugal before darkness tonight, thus achieving the coveted honor of making the first trans-Atlantic flight, United States seaplane NC-4 started for Lisbon at 10:18 this morning.

The crew of the seaplane, which was the same as that which made the memorable flight from Newfoundland to the Azores, boarded the plane an hour before sunrise, but it was not until several hours later that the giant machine taxied outside the breakwaters, headed to windward and rose gracefully into the air. She circled the harbor and then headed for her destination amid cheers from the sailors and soldiers who lined the docks of the ships in the harbor and the crowds on the piers, together with the shrieks of whistles from all the steam craft in sight.

The din of the salute was kept up for several moments, the plane meanwhile speeding on her way and slowly disappearing in the bright eastern sky. The weather was almost perfect this morning, with the warm spring sun shining brightly on the waters of the bay. There were but few clouds in the sky and only a slight northwest wind was blowing, which was favorable to the flyers. Weather experts predicted that the plane might encounter cloudy weather and possibly occasional rain squalls midway of the course, but this was not expected to interfere with her progress.

Lieutenant Commander Read intends to remain in Lisbon over night and start for Plymouth, England to-morrow morning, weather permitting. The course marked by 14 American destroyers, stretched out along the route to guide the flyers and if necessary give them assistance.

The getaway of the NC-4, which was set for an early hour, was delayed by trouble with the fourth engine of the plane.

On a successful flight of the United States naval seaplane NC-4 from Ponta Delgada to Lisbon to-day depended the completion of the trans-Atlantic flight started from Trepassey, N. F., on May 16, this seaplane being the one survivor of the three that essayed the trip.

The United States naval seaplanes NC-1 and NC-3 started from Rockaway Point, N. Y., on May 8 on the preliminary leg of their flight across the Atlantic. The NC-1 and NC-3 made a continuous flight to Halifax, reaching there in safety. The NC-4, however, encountered engine trouble and was forced to alight in the sea off Chatham, Mass. It was towed into the harbor and repairs were rushed there and the machine was put in shape to continue its voyage.

On May 14, the NC-4 left Chatham and arrived at Halifax in safety. The next day it continued its flight to Trepassey, N. F., where it joined the NC-1 and NC-3, which had reached Trepassey on May 10.

The three seaplanes left Trepassey on May 16 on their trip to the Azores, and the NC-4 arrived at Horta, in the Azores, the next day, having been in the air 13 hours. The NC-1 lost her way in a fog and her crew was picked up by a Greek steamer and taken to the Azores, the plane being lost. The NC-3, after losing her bearings, alighted on the sea from which Commander Towers, in charge of the craft, was unable to rise. After being missing for 52 hours, the NC-3 entered the harbor of Ponta Delgada, Azores, under her own power. She was so battered by the seas she encountered, however, that she was retired from the contest, leaving the NC-4 the sole survivor of the trip.

The naval officer in charge of the NC-4 is Lieutenant Commander Albert Cushing Read, who is accompanied by five companions.

From Ponta Delgada to Lisbon is approximately 786 miles.

**GLAD PRESIDENCY IS NOT AHEAD OF HIM, SAYS PRES. WILSON**

Paris, May 27.—"It is very delightful, for one thing, if I may say so, to know that my presidency is not ahead of me and that his presidency is ahead of him," said President Wilson in referring to Dr. Epitacio Pessoa, president-elect of Brazil, at a dinner given Dr. Pessoa by the Pan-American peace delegation last night.

### MONTPELIER

Frederick R. Draper, Machinist, Died Yesterday at Heaton Hospital.

Frederick R. Draper, who has been ill for 10 days with influenza, followed by pneumonia and then peritonitis, died about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at Heaton hospital. The body was moved to the Barber undertaking rooms, where prayer was said last night and the body taken to Fair Haven to-day for funeral and burial. Mr. Draper was a native of Fair Haven, born 33 years ago, a son of Hiram and Elizabeth Draper. He obtained his education in the schools of that town and then learned the machinist trade, which he had followed for several years. He was employed in Rutland, but eight years ago came to Montpelier and had since been employed in the lane shops until the reduction of help last winter, after which he had been employed as machinist at the Central Vermont roundhouse at Montpelier Junction. He was a member of the Woodmen and Foresters. He is survived by his father, who is 93 years of age and in poor health; three sisters, Mrs. Estella Hart of Milton, N. H., Mrs. Grace Bullock of Bristol, Conn., and Miss Louise Draper of Fair Haven; also two brothers, George E. and Benjamin H. Draper of Fair Haven.

The Ara E. Ball place on McKinley street has been sold to Col. F. B. Thomas, who expects to take possession shortly. Mr. Ball recently went to Ferrisburg to take charge of his father's farm.

Fred Wilson has bought a house on St. Paul street, but will not take possession for some weeks.

Col. and Mrs. O. D. Clark have returned from a few days' vacation in Boston.

New tops have been placed on the radiators in the Central Vermont station, which add materially to the general appearance of the interior of the building.

The street department has the construction of the piece of work on Barre street, leading to the Montpelier Country club, well nigh completed. This was washed out, probably by the water coming from the railroad tracks which run along beside the highway. The work was not as expensive as it was at first thought it would be.

W. H. Jeffrey, state probate officer, has sent a letter to the pastors in the various churches in the state asking for the name or names of families in which he may place children for temporary care, and is receiving replies from which he expects to secure some excellent places. A thorough investigation of each family is made before a child is placed in a home. Once in a while a mistake is made, but the department expects to give the children the best it can. One of the things that is insisted upon is that of placing a Protestant in a Protestant home, a Catholic child in a Catholic home, a Hebrew in a Hebrew home, etc., to the end that the children may be trained along the general lines of the parents' wishes.

J. D. Whittier of Burlington, who is connected with the school garden department of the state, was in the city to-day in connection with the work. The plan of conducting the gardening this year has been changed from last year, a standard having been fixed so that those children of younger ages will not come under supervision. Thus far 600 gardens have been enrolled, which will mean about 7,000 children, and the enrollment will not finish for a few weeks yet, so the number will be materially increased over the present. While the number of children participating this year will not be as large as a year ago, the results are expected to be better per garden.

J. E. Towle of Enosburg Falls is visiting in the city.

Misses Georgianna and Agnes Fountain were in Burlington to-day.

R. W. Simonds, commissioner of industries, and Miss Laura Burbank, secretary of the department, are in Brattleboro to-day for some workmen's compensation hearings.

Major Harvey E. Goodell is in Boston on an affair.

Deeds of the sale of land and water rights by Mrs. Jennie Ryle to Mr. and Mrs. George Huntington, of land from the administrator of the estate of C. J. Berry to Mrs. F. M. Bryan and by Mr. and Mrs. Ara Ball to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Thomas have been filed in the city clerk's office for record.

Mrs. Mary Cutler is having a few days' vacation from her work in the probate office.

Mary Dibble of Waterbury to-day settled her account as administratrix of the estate of Allen H. Greeley, late of that town.

Fogg and Dickman of Burlington have filed articles of association in the office of the secretary of state for the purpose of conducting business in Burlington, including the making of such commodities as can be perfected from leather or rubber, their capital stock is \$50,000, the papers are signed by Frank A. Fogg, John G. Dickman and R. D. Batchelder of Burlington.

**"WILD CATS" COMING.**

Famous 81st Division Sail from Brest for Home.

Brest, May 27.—The American battleships South Carolina, Minnesota, and Missouri are sailing this afternoon with the first troops of the 81st division, the "Wildcat" division to be repatriated. The troops are from North and South Carolina and Georgia. On board also are the 16th artillery brigade, and the 308th ammunition train complete.

The three battleships are bound for Newport News.

The auction sale of pure bred cattle at the Guy Allbee farm in East Hardwick, conducted by D. A. Perry of the D. A. Perry Real Estate agency of this city, was one of the most successful sales of its kind. Forty head of select cattle, among which were 10 head of calves and yearlings, sold at an average price for the entire group at \$355 a head. The highest price paid for one animal was \$450. They were purchased almost exclusively by residents in or near that locality, who realized the value of such stock to a farm.

## PRISONER LEFT DUMMY IN BED

Capt. Fritz Duquesne, Who Was Awaiting Extradition, Sawed Thro' Bars

LEFT UNGUARDED, FEIGNED PARALYSIS

He Was Indicted on Charge of Responsibility for an Explosion on Ship

New York, May 27.—Captain Fritz Duquesne, African explorer and world traveler, who was held here awaiting extradition to England on a charge of murder, escaped to-day from the prison ward of Bellevue hospital by sawing his way through the window bars. He had feigned paralysis, with the result that he was left unguarded.

Duquesne fled in his night clothes and the hospital authorities believed that he had accomplished the outside, possibly waiting for him with an automobile. He had been treated for the past two months as a cripple, having been moved about on a wheel chair. His escape was discovered several hours after the prisoner had disappeared when a nurse, entering the room, found a dummy made from a pillow and several blankets in the bed.

Duquesne, who had conducted extensive explorations in South America, as well as in Africa, fought with the British in the Boer war. He was indicted several months ago on a charge of responsibility for an explosion in 1916 aboard the British steamship Tennyson, in which three of the crew were killed.

### TALK OF THE TOWN

A daughter was born at the City hospital this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bennett of Brookfield.

H. M. Beam of the Beam, McFee Grange, after this morning for Zanesville, O., after a several days' stay in the city on business.

Louis R. Marre, who was manager of the Diversi Fruit company a year and a half ago, came to Barre yesterday for the purpose of spending a few days with Louis Diversi and former acquaintances.

M. J. Whitcomb's motor ambulance returned yesterday from a trip to Groton and today returned to the City hospital, taking it to West Topham, where the funeral and burial will take place.

Lawton Witt, the crack shortstop, formerly connected with the Goddard seminary baseball nine under Coach Charles Hoernle, is now in the select batting class with an average of .343 for the season thus far and expects to hit .350 by the end of the season. Witt is still playing with the Philadelphia Athletics and shines in the league as he did in prep school ball.

Thomas Allen and son, Chisholm, who for several days have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Gilbertson of French street, returned yesterday to Montreal. The younger Mr. Allen has for the past four years been in France with a Canadian army band and has returned without an injury of any sort. He figured in many historic battles of the 3d division.

Barre's two flags, the Victory loan flag and the honor banner awarded for meeting its quota in the recent government loan, were hung out at the city hall to-day. The honor flag was still further clinched to-day when Chairman Melcher corrected a mistake from the Federal Reserve bank showing the Barre's subscription was \$322,600 instead of \$316,900, as announced in yesterday's paper.

This morning several automobiles from Burlington passed through the city filled with baseball players and students of the University of Vermont en route to Hanover, N. H. This afternoon Dartmouth and U. V. M. will battle another baseball contest which will doubtless move one of our battles and bring the year. The Hanover team will try hard to win, since they lost their first game at Burlington.

At a directors' meeting of the Barre Board of Trade held last evening the following general committee was appointed to make arrangements and carry out a celebration in honor of our returned soldiers and sailors to be held in Barre on July 4. W. G. Reynolds, chairman, A. A. Milne, John C. Booth, E. M. Tobin, C. F. Miller, Guy R. Varnum, J. G. Caccagni, Stanley F. Marsh and W. A. Drew.

The Board of Trade and the granite manufacturers and quarries have arranged for a meeting to be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the granite manufacturers' rooms to listen to J. F. Hall, superintendent for Vermont of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co., who will explain the application of the new rates and discuss with the members the telephone situation. The Montpelier Board of Trade and the merchants association have been invited to be present.

A delightful birthday party in honor of Irene Dale, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Dale of Green street, was held at the Dale home yesterday afternoon when 11 of her young friends came to help celebrate the occasion. The table was set on the lawn, where refreshments of ice cream and a birthday cake were served. Games and music furnished amusement for the little ones. Helen Annas, Winona Lillie and Rina Caldera each carried away favors as a result of the games. Several nice gifts were left for the maid of honor and the party came to a close by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

**Soldiers' Monument Committee.**

There will be a meeting of the soldiers' monument committee held in the city council chamber on Wednesday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock.

## KILLED GIRL WITH REVOLVER

Blanche Hunt, 13, of St. Johnsbury, Shot by Caswell Barber, 16

LATTER WAS PLAYING WITH THE WEAPON

Says He Thought All of the Cartridges Had Been Removed

St. Johnsbury, May 27.—While playing with a revolver last night Caswell Barber, aged 16, son of Mrs. B. S. Wright, shot and killed Blanche, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunt. The bullet from the .32-calibre revolver entered the child's forehead and death was instantaneous.

The boy's mother was away from home at the time. He found the revolver in a bureau, along with some cartridges. He loaded the revolver but supposed he had removed all the bullets when later in play he pointed the weapon at the girl's head.

The tragedy took place in the Wright home, where several children had gathered for play and where Blanche had just come in search for her sister. The time was about 9:30.

State's Attorney J. R. Campbell has taken charge of the case, but no charge has yet been preferred against the boy. An autopsy will be held this afternoon. The little girl was one of a family of seven daughters and would have graduated next month from the junior high school. The Barber boy is a pupil in the St. Johnsbury vocational school.

## BETHEL TANNERY GOES ON 8-HOUR BASIS

Substantial Increase in Wages Secured, Averaging About \$4 a Week Over Present Prices—Nearly One Hundred Workers Affected.

Bethel, May 27.—An agreement signed yesterday by E. C. Fisher, representing the Bethel Tannery Co., Inc., and John J. McGuinness of Peabody, Mass., assistant organizer of the United Leather Workers' International Union of America, representing the employees, places the employees on an eight-hour basis, instead of nine hours, which was voluntarily granted two years ago; provides that overtime shall be paid time and one-half; that the last man hired is the first man laid off; that the union shall be recognized in the event of any question arising in the persons of its grievance committee; and that in case of failure to reach an agreement the national executive board shall be appealed to. A schedule of prices in great detail, affecting every employee except foremen, is agreed upon, no less than 15 departments of work being named. Substantial increases are secured by all employees, averaging about \$4 a week over present prices.

Negotiations have been carried on in a friendly way from the beginning. Mr. Fisher having co-operated with Mr. McGuinness in an effort to reach a just agreement. Ninety-two persons are affected by the new schedule of prices. Fritz Thielens has acted as secretary to Mr. McGuinness and is named in the agreement, with William Kennedy and Robert Middleton, as a member of the grievance committee.

A pleasant feature of a meeting of the local labor union on the eve of Mr. McGuinness' departure, was the presentation to him of a large gold watch by the members of the union, who feel that he has been a wise and reasonable adviser at a time when it was important that calm counsels should prevail.

## MONTPELIER WOMAN DEAD AT AGE OF 102

Mrs. Angeline Gonyo Had Danced and Sung Up to Within Two Months of Her Death, Being Well Preserved Mentally and Physically.

Mrs. Angeline Gonyo, aged 102 years, probably the oldest woman in the state at the time of her death, died about 2 o'clock this morning at Montpelier after about three weeks' illness. She suffered an attack of indigestion three weeks ago. From that time she had been going down. Mrs. Gonyo came to Montpelier with her husband, Frank Gonyo, from Three Rivers, P. Q., where they had lived. They lived in Montpelier for a great many years. He died about 24 years ago. She was the mother of 13 children, of whom three are living. Mrs. Boardman of Northfield, Mrs. James Fisk of Roxbury and George Gonyo of Montpelier and several grandchildren, which include Mrs. Edward Gill and Miss Carrie Gonyo of Montpelier. She also has several great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gonyo would have been 103 years of age if she had lived until Nov. 19. For 23 years she had lived at the city farm in Montpelier. Within two months she had entertained those at the home with her dancing and singing, in French. She did not use the English language, always retaining her use of French. She was handy about the home even in her advanced age and did a great deal of sewing. She was a woman of very pleasant personality.

The body will rest at the city farm until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, when the funeral will take place from St. Augustine's church in Montpelier.

## SEMI-LUXURY TAXES REPEAL RECOMMENDED

House Ways and Means Committee Ordered Favorable Report on Resolution by Unanimous Vote.

Washington, D. C., May 27.—By unanimous vote, the House ways and means committee to-day ordered a favorable report on a resolution repealing the so-called semi-luxury taxes in the war revenue bill. Action on proposed repeal of other tax levies in the bill was deferred.

## "SALLIE" FUND PASSES \$2,000 MARK

Only Two-Fifths of Quota Subscribed to Date—Those Who Have Not Reported or Subscribed Urged to Make Returns at Once.

Additional returns from the "Sallies" in Barre bring the total of contributions to date to \$2,036.82, or less than half the amount asked of Barre. Returns are not yet all in, and some of the manufacturing plants are still to be heard from. The subscriptions received since the last report are:

Ward 2	\$48.85
Ward 3	8.90
Ward 4	41.49
Ward 6	92.10
Manufacturers and employees	309.20
Previously reported	\$500.54
Total to date	\$2,036.82

It has been impossible to reach all those who may wish to contribute to this fund. This applies particularly to the immediate surrounding territory of Barre, East Barre, South Barre, West Barre and Granvilleville. Those who have not been called upon and who wish to make a contribution to this worthy cause will find C. M. Willey, treasurer, at the Quarry Savings Bank & Trust company.

### THE ARMY A GREAT SCHOOL.

Writes Ralph Dasher to His Parents from Le Mans, France.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dasher of Washington street are the recipients of a letter from their son, Ralph, who is in the office of the provost marshal at Le Mans, France, which was written May 11, Mothers' day. Mr. Dasher thinks not all his letters have reached his parents. He adds: "I am hoping that by a month from to-day I shall be on my way home, or at least know something more about it than I do to-day."

Referring to the country and the people he says: "It is a beautiful morning here, just like a spring morning at home. I wish you could come to France sometime when things get a little more settled over here. I am sure you would have a great time, because you would be right at home with the French. They are a very polite people and a very likeable people for the most part. Of course the war has made an awful change all over the country."

"I haven't seen nearly as much over here as I would like to, but I am not going to throw up any chance to go home to see more of it. As things have turned out I am very glad that I came over. It is a wonderful experience for any man that can come. The army alone gives a fellow a lot that he would never get otherwise and then coming over here gives him a great deal more. A man who has come over here and has taken care of himself and goes back is worth a whole lot more to himself and to his country. I don't care where a man goes, or what he does, or anything, he can never get the experience that he gets in the army. One's close association with so many thousands of different beings is a great eye-opener. As I said before, I am mighty glad that I have been through it and come out so fortunate. I have a lot to be thankful for, I think."

### DEATH OF W. O. HANSON.

Native of Tunbridge But Resident of Barre for 25 Years.

William O. ("Jack") Hanson died last night about 7 o'clock at the City hospital, where he had been taken yesterday afternoon. Mr. Hanson had a bad attack of the influenza last fall and apparently never recovered from the effects of it. For the past three or four weeks he had been in poor health and his fellow workers at the M. & W. R. freight office had urged him to take rest. Last Thursday he was obliged to give up and go home to his room at 40 Pearl street, from which he was removed to the hospital yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Hanson was a native of Tunbridge, and was born July 20, 1871. He came to Barre with his parents 28 years ago and this city has been his home most of the time since then. He attended Spaulding school and on leaving there went to work in Mr. Hanson's grocery store. He worked there as long as Mr. Marron continued in business, later going with the F. D. Ladd Co. For several years past he had been employed in the M. & W. R. freight office.

Mr. Hanson was a Spanish war veteran, going with Co. E to Chickamauga in 1898. He is survived by his father, C. E. Hanson, and one sister, Mrs. E. J. Badger, both of Marshfield.

### LONG A RESIDENT OF ORANGE.

George A. Tiltonson Had Recently Been Living in Williamstown.

George A. Tiltonson of Williamstown, until a year ago a lifelong resident of Orange, died at the City hospital at 6 o'clock last night after a general breakdown. He had been confined to the hospital for the past two months.

Mr. Tiltonson was born in Orange Dec. 11, 1844, the son of Jonathan and Mary Tiltonson and the greater part of his life was spent there, he being engaged in farming. He was also a letter for many years, a member of Washington grange and was well known among his townpeople. He married Christina Bugbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bugbee of Orange, in 1865. Four children were born, three of whom are living, as follows: Lieut. H. L. Tiltonson of the medical corps, stationed at headquarters, New York City, Grace C. Tiltonson of New York City and Nellie M. Tiltonson, a school teacher at Williamstown. Another son, Eugene, died in February of this year. Mrs. Tiltonson has been dead nearly 10 years.

The funeral will be held from the Union church, West Topham, Wednesday at 2 p. m., services being conducted by Rev. L. O. Sherburne of Montpelier. Burial will be in the village cemetery there.

### MAY LOCATE IN BARRE.

Massachusetts Corporation Making Gentlemen's Underwear.

A Massachusetts corporation making a well-known brand of gentlemen's underwear has had representatives in Barre in conference with the Board of Trade in view of the establishing of a concern of like nature in Barre. A committee from the Board of Trade has been appointed to go to Massachusetts and investigate the affairs of the company and ascertain what arrangements can be made. Should this concern be induced to locate in Barre it will ultimately mean employment for about 200 women.

## BIG EXPLOSION IN REPAIR SHOP

And Two Men Had Miraculous Escape from Death When Vulcanizer Blew Up

PIECES OF MACHINE DRIVEN THRO' WALL

Two Plate Glass Windows and 35 Panes Smashed at J. J. Hastings'

Two plate glass windows and 35 other windows were blown out, a hole was smashed through an outer wall and the ceiling sheathing was punctured when a vulcanizing machine blew up at the tire repairing and automobile accessory shop of James J. Hastings at 371 North Main street this forenoon. The cause part of the occurrence was that J. Hastings and John Corrick of the Hastings company, who were standing within three feet of the machine, were hurled in several directions by a force of the 45-pound pressure registered on the steam gauge.

The vulcanizer I been leaking and the two men inspecting the piece of equipment. The time the explosion occurred, Mr. Corrick stood almost in front of the vulcanizer, while Mr. Hastings was leaning over another piece of equipment to see where the leak was on the back side, preparatory to marking for repairs. Ben Batchelder, a repair man, stood at a bench on the other side of the little shop, somewhat out of the range of the explosion but not so far away that he escaped being showered with glass.

The warning the machine blew up, one of the side pieces of cast iron flying away from the men and going entirely through the wooden outer wall of the shop. The top section of 50 pounds of cast iron shot straight up and smashed a hole in some new half-inch sheathing and then dropped back to the floor with sufficient force to dislodge one of the boards. The air pressure left scarcely a whole window pane in the whole shop, and the glass was flying in all directions, the three men being showered with fragments. The two plate glass windows in the store in the front of the shop were reduced to fragments, the sidewalk being strewn with the wreckage, while the floor was almost literally covered with glass.

Both Mr. Hastings and Mr. Corrick were considerably cut about the face and hands from flying fragments, and the latter was soon taken to an eye physician to have his injuries attended to. Mr. Hastings later went home to wash the blood from his face and hands. A vulcanizer was located partly in an addition to the shop which had not yet been completed. Mr. Hastings having made a sizeable addition to the rear of his old place of business. The damage to the shop will run into the hundreds of dollars.

## REGIMENTAL COLORS COME TO VERMONT

Those of the 302d Field Artillery, 76th Division, Are Now in Safe Keeping at the State House in Montpelier.

Gen. H. T. Johnson has received the regimental colors of the 302d field artillery in the 76th division, and the flag is in the vault in his office in the State House. Some weeks ago the government announced that the colors of a regiment would go to the state from which the major portion of the regiment were sent. Vermont apparently sent the major portion of the 302d field artillery. This was organized between September, 1917, and January, 1918, and in July, 1918, went to France. It was in the battles taking place between November 4 and 11, 1918, returning to Camp Devens last April and being mustered out early this month.

From the present indications Vermont will obtain three or more regimental colors. Major Russell states that he thinks the state is entitled to the colors of the 103d machine gun battalion because the money with which it was purchased was furnished largely by the Vermont boys in that company. General Johnson will keep after the colors and a special effort will be made to show that Vermont is entitled to the colors of the 101st ammunition train, both from the point of number of men and service and the purchase price. The funds of which were largely furnished by the Vermont boys.

### TALK OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. George Lander and daughter, Hattie, of Washington street were among the number who left to-day to attend the Knights of Columbus convention and expect to remain for two or three days.

Mrs. Donald Rand and daughter of Stoughton, Mass., who have for the past few weeks visited at the home of Mrs. Rand's aunt, Miss Lucy Wells, returned yesterday from a week's stay in Woodbury.

A most agreeable surprise was tendered Mrs. John McHardy last evening when she appeared at the home of her friend, Mrs. Charles Cay of Keith avenue. Many friends, knowing of her contemplated vacation to her native land, Scotland, gathered to bid her farewell and express their good wishes for the journey, which starts Thursday of this week. With the purpose of the gathering made clear to Mrs. McHardy, the enjoyment immediately began and the well prepared vocal and piano solos entertained the group at varied intervals during the evening. Miss Glee Wood voiced a touching solo, as did Miss Annie McHardy, assisted by the pianists, Miss Sullivan and Miss Spence, who also rendered piano solos. Mrs. McHardy's amusement was highest when presented a purse of money as a token of esteem from her numerous acquaintances in the city and after overcoming her astonishment she expressed her heartfelt gratitude. Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake were served by young ladies of the group, after which amusements of several varieties made the evening one well worth remembering.